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SUBJ: PEKING REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK, COMMENTS
ON PRESIDENT'S APRIL 30 SPEECH

REF: HK 1587 (NOTAL)

(3) 1. FOLLOWING SIHANOUK'S MAY 1 RECEPTION BY MAO AND LIN
AND HIS APPEARANCE WITH THEM ON TIENANMEN (REFTEL), PRC
MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO FEATURE EXPRESSIONS OF CHINESE
SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCE WHILE STILL REFRAINING FROM EXPLICIT
COMMITMENT TO MILITARY INVOLVEMENT. PRESS PLAY OF MAY DAY
CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED SEVERAL PICTURES OF SIHANOUK WITH MAO
AND NCNA HAS NOW RELEASED (MAY 2) THE TEXT OF CHOU'S
APRIL 25 SPEECH AT POST-INDOCHINESE SUMMIT BANQUET PLUS
SEPARATE ARTICLES DESCRIBING THE OCCASION.

2. REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. MNNA MAY 3

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ARTICLE CONTAINING INITIAL PRC ATTACK ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S APRIL 30 SPEECH LABELLED PRESIDENT "GOD OF PLAGUE AND WAR" AND "AN EXECUTIONER WHOSE HANDS ARE DRIPPING WITH THE BLOOD OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE". ARTICLE SAID NIXON'S "DEPER-ATE" SPEECH SHOWS US "PAPER TIGER" NATURE, I.E., FIERCE IN APPEARANCE BUT WEAK INSIDE. IT CITED "BITTER PROTEST" AROUSED BY SPEECH IN US AND PREDICTED THAT US WILL HAVE TOUGHEN GOING "UNDER THE TELLING BLOWS". OF ARMED STRUGGLE OF THREE INDO-CHINESE PEOPLES WHO "WILL CERTAINLY" DEFEAT US "WITH PEOPLE'S WAR". ARTICLE MADE NO MENTION OF PRC ROLE AT ANY POINT, AND LEFT IMPRESSION THAT INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN HANDLE SITUATION BY THEMSELVES. ARTICLE MENTIONED PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DISMISSED THIS AS TACTIC DESIGNED TO FORCE TREATY OF SURRENDER ON INDOCHINESE PEOPLES.

3. SIHANOUK STATEMENTS. PEKING MEDIA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FORUM FOR SIHANOUK'S PRONOUNCEMENTS, SOME OF WHICH INCREASINGLY APE PEKING'S LINE, SUCH AS SIHANOUK'S RECENT ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO INDO-CHINA THAT "ARMED STRUGGLE" ALONE" WILL SUCCEED (NCNA APRIL 30). AT CHOU'S APRIL 25 BANQUET SIHANOUK EXPRESSED HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA IN OBSEQUIOUS TERMS (NCNA MAY 2). HE SPOKE OF A "SINO-INDO-CHINESE BIG FAMILY" CREATED THROUGH BLOOD AND SPIRITUAL TIES, AND, PERHAPS KNOWING HE WOULD SEE MAO SHORTLY, STATED THAT BANQUET SYMBOLIZED CHINA'S "COMPLETE AND EXTREMELY POWERFUL SUPPORT" UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MAO, "BEACON OF OUR ASIA".
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